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## CURRENT POSITIONS:

**The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina**
Visiting Scholar in Entrepreneurship, School of Business Administration, Aug 2012-present

**South Carolina Policy Council**
Visiting Fellow, January 2012-present

**Journal Editorial Boards:**
*Public Choice*, December 2008-present
*Journal of Entrepreneurship & Public Policy*, September 2010-present
*American Journal of Entrepreneurship*, September 2012-present

## EDUCATION:

**Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, April 1994**
Florida State University, Dissertation Chair: Randall G. Holcombe
Major Areas: Public Finance/Public Choice, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

**Master of Science in Economics, August 1993**
Florida State University

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics (cum laude), May 1990**
Francis Marion College

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

**College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina**
Visiting Scholar, Initiative for Public Choice and Market Process, Department of Economics and Finance, School of Business, January 2012-May 2012

**West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia**
James Clark Coffman Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, Aug. 2005-Dec. 2011
Professor of Economics, August 2005-December 2011
Associate Professor of Economics, August 2000-August 2005
Assistant Professor of Economics, August 1994-August 2000

**West Virginia University, Entrepreneurship Center**
Director, Entrepreneurship Center, August 2002-February 2006

## RESEARCH AWARDS:

*Southern Economic Journal* Georgescu-Roegen Prize for Best Article of the Year for 2009.
*Atlantic Economic Journal* Best Article of the Year Award for 1995
*Journal of Private Enterprise* Templeton Award for Best Article of the Year for 2005.
2008 Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award for my book *Unleashing Capitalism*
WVU College of Business & Economics Outstanding Researcher Award, 1997-98 & 2001-2002

## SELECTED RECENT TEACHING AWARDS:

Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award, Southern Economic Association, 2006
WVU Honors Program John R. Williams Outstanding Teacher Award, 2002-2003
The June Harless Teaching Award for Exceptional Teaching, 2000
The West Virginia University Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching, April 1997
The West Virginia University Golden Apple Award for Outstanding Teaching, 1996 and 2001

## OTHER AWARDS:

Association of Private Enterprise Education Distinguished Scholar Award, 2007.
Francis Marion University, School of Business Outstanding Alumnus, 2002
Named Among 100 Most Influential People in West Virginia, 2006, *Dominion Post*
WVU College of Business and Economics Faculty Outreach & Service Award, 2007-08

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Sobel, Russell S. *Unleashing Capitalism: Why Prosperity Stops at the West Virginia Border and How to Fix It* (Morgantown, WV: Center for Economic Growth, The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2007). **[Winner of the 2008 Sir Antony Fisher Memorial Award]**

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**UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Principles of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics (including large [300+ student] and honors sections)
Economic Issues & Policy Debates (undergraduate)
Economics of Entrepreneurship (undergraduate special topics course)
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate)
Public Economics (both graduate Ph.D. level and undergraduate)
Economics of Entrepreneurship (undergraduate and graduate)
Money and Banking (undergraduate)
Industrial Economics, Environment, and Education (extension course for K-12 public school teachers)
Research Methodology Workshop for Ph.D. students

**DISSERTATION COMMITTEES CHAIRED:**

George Crowley, Ph.D. in Economics 2011 (Troy University)
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Claudia Williamson, Ph.D. in Economics, 2008 (NYU)
Joshua Hall, Ph.D. in Economics, 2007 (Beloit College)
Gregory Randolph, Ph.D. in Economics, 2007 (Southern New Hampshire Univ.)
Nathan Ashby, Ph.D. in Economics, 2006 (Univ. of Texas at El Paso)
Pavel Yakovlev, Ph.D. in Economics, 2006 (Duquesne Univ.)
Todd Nesbit, Ph.D. in Economics, 2005 (Ohio State University)
Kerry King, Ph.D. in Economics, 2005 (Penn State-Erie)
Brian Osoba, Ph.D. in Economics, 2004 (Central Connecticut State Univ.)
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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Mont Pelerin Society (Elected to membership in 2006, Earhart Fellow: 1998 & 2004)
American Economic Association
Southern Economic Association
Public Choice Society
Association of Private Enterprise Education

**SELECTED INVITED SEMINARS, COURSES, & LECTURES:**

Over 200 speeches & presentations about my book *Unleashing Capitalism* to various groups in and around West Virginia including Governor Joe Manchin & his Cabinet, Joint Session of WV Legislature House and Senate Finance Committees, West Virginia Business and Industry Council, West Virginia Business Summit, WV Bar Association, and others.
Presentations for S.C. Governor Mark Sanford and his staff (2008, 2010)
Presentation of my research to FEMA management and legal staff (2006)
National Press Club (2006) about my FEMA research
Institute for Research on Economics of Taxation classes for U.S. Congressional Staff (2000-07 annually)
Institute for Humane Studies Seminars (2000, 2001, 2002)
Foundation for Economic Education (2000, 2001, 2003)
W.V. Governor's Commission on Fair Taxation symposium (1998)
Urban Institute (2003)
Foundation for Research on Economics & the Environment for Federal Judges (2005)
Liberty Fund Colloquium (2005, 2009, 2010, participant; 2011 discussion leader)
Flint Hills Center/AFP/Economic Thinking (2006)
Tax Foundation (2010)
Mercatus Center, Capital Hill Campus (1998, 1999, 2006) and Press Conference (2010)
Heritage Foundation (2011)

**SERVICE ON ADVISORY BOARDS:**

Institute for Research on Economics of Taxation, Academic Advisory Board, Fall 2005-present.
Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation, Independent Institute, Board of Advisors, Fall 2005-present.
Dobson Center for the Study of Markets & Entrepreneurship, Fraser Institute, Advisory Panel, Spring 2005- present.
Association for Private Enterprise Education, Executive Board, 2006-2009.
Duquesne University, Department of Economics Advisory Board, Fall 2006-present.
Board of Scholars, Center for the Study of Political Economy, Hampden-Sydney College, August 2007-present.
Academic Advisory Council Board Member, Johnson Center at Troy University, October 2010-present.

**SERVICE AS EXPERT WITNESS:**

Guida v. Weirton Medical Center (circuit court of Brooke County WV, Steptoe & Johnson), deposed 6/16/03.
Deadra Cummins v. H&R Block (circuit court of Kanawha County, WV, Bryan Cave), deposed 7/1/05.
Lorie J. Marshall and Debra Ramirez v. H&R Block (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, Bryan Cave), deposed 1/11/10 and 8/23/10.
Jochum v. Waste Management of West Virginia (circuit court of Ohio County, WV, Robinson & McElwee), submitted expert report, but not deposed.

**MAJOR MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

In addition to many local and regional newspaper, radio, and TV interviews, I have also appeared on or in the following: NPR, Fox Business Network, CBS Evening News, CNBC, CSPAN2, CBS Radio, *The Economist*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *US News and World Report* and *New York Times*.

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